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SUBJECT: GOS REP ZANZIBAR CELEBRATIONS UNLIKELY DISCUSS SUDANESE/ ETHIOPIAN DIFFICULTIES WITH EPMG REP

1. DURING DISCUSSION SUDANESE/ETHIOPIAN TENSION WITH FONMIN MAKKAWI JAN 25, AMBASSADOR NOTED AFRICAN LEADERS WOULD BE FOREGATHERING ZANZIBAR FEB 5 (DAR ES SALAAM 271). HE WONDERED WHETHER GOS WOULD BE REPRESENTED AND IF CONCLAVE MIGHT AFFORD OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL SUDANESE/ETHIOPIAN CONTACTS AT HIGH LEVEL. MAKKAWI REPLIED THAT HE EXPECTED SOME SENIOR SSU PARTY OFFICIAL TO REPRESENT SUDAN AT ZANZIBAR MEETING. GOT HAD UNDERTAKEN SOME PRELIMINARY CONTACTS WITH VIEW MEDIATING BETWEEN KHARTOUM AND ADDIS, AND HAD SUGGESTED THAT NIMEIRI COULD MEET TFERI BENTI DURING ZANZIBAR CELEBRATION. SUDANESE HAD REPLIED THAT NIMEIRI WOULD BE TOO BUSY TO ATTEND AND MAKKAWI SAID HE DOUBTED DETERIORATING SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA WOULD PERMIT TFERI BENTI TO GO. HE GAVE NO INDICATION SSU DELEGATE WOULD SEEK DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WITH WHOEVER MIGHT BE PRESENT FROM ETHIOPIA.

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2. COMMENT. FOREGOING STRICTLY IN LINE WITH
GOS ATTITUDE THAT THERE IS NOTHING TO MEDIATE IN SUDANESE/
ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS. THIS DOES NOT, OF COURSE, PRECLUDE
CONTINUING EFFORTS IRON OUT DIFFICULTIES DIRECTLY THROUGH
DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. THIS CONNECTION, FACT THAT SUDANESE
AMB-DESIGNATE TO ETHIOPIA STILL HERE SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS
SIGNIFICANT. ALL SUDANESE AMBS HAVE BEEN

SUMMONED HOME FOR TRIENNIAL SSU MEETING BEGINNING JAN 25, FOLLOWING WHICH GOS HAS ARRANGED EARLY FEB CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE HERE. BREWER

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